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May 14, 2019

Thank you for attending the Detour Open House for the proposed widening and relocation of State Route (SR) 515/US 76 from Young Harris Street in Blairsville to Timberline Drive in Young Harris, PI Number 122900-. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detours, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the open house, you can provide your comments today by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also provide your comments by **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach.
 1. From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click Go;
 2. Then select *122900- Young Harris Bypass*;
 3. Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the GDOT District 1 Area 4 Office located at 942 Albert Reid Road, Cleveland, GA 30528. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Kimberly Kimbrough, at 404-631-1528 or the environmental analyst, David Borchardt, at 404-631-1184 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Duff". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "E" and a clear "Duff".

Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation

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Why We Are Here: Present detour location for the SR515 improvement project from SR 515/US 76 in Union and Towns Counties east of Blairsville from Young Harris Street to just east of CR 153/Timberline Drive in Young Harris.

Detour Locations

Detour	Name	Location Route	Duration
A	Glen Gooch Bypass	Cleveland Street to Blue Ridge Street to Murphy Highway	1 weekend
B	Panther Circle	Glen Gooch Bypass	Not to exceed 45 days
C	Ledford Rd	Weaver Rd & Watkins Rd	30 days
D	Windy Hill Rd	U- Shaped Roadway, use northerly entrance	60 days
E	Watkins Rd	Ledford Rd & Old Smokey Rd	30 days + 1 weekend
F	Windy Hill Rd	U- Shaped Roadway, use southerly entrance	60 days
G	Old Smokey Rd	Watkins Rd	30 days
H	Butternut Ln	Earl Shelton Rd	30 days
I	Earl Shelton Rd	Butternut Ln	30 days
J	Ashley Cir South	U- Shaped Roadway, use northerly entrance	60 days
K	Trackrock Gap Rd	Plottown Rd	1 weekend
L	Ashley Cir North	U- Shaped Roadway, use southerly entrance	30 days
M	Townsend Mill Rd	Brasstown Creek Rd	30 days
N	Robinson Rd	Townsend Mill Road	30 days
O	Plottown Rd	Trackrock Gap Rd	30 days
P	Old Union Church	U- Shaped Roadway, use northerly entrance	30 days

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Q	Old Union Church Rd	U- Shaped Roadway, use southerly entrance	30 days
R	Brasstown Creek Rd	Townsend Mill Rd	Up to 60 days
S	Timberline Dr	Maple St	1 weekend

Project Location Map and Detour Maps:

Please refer to open house displays or request copies of the maps from GDOT personnel.

Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name _____

Address _____

Please identify the detour location(s) you are commenting on (A, B, C, etc.) _____

General Comments _____

How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** _____

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

Mail to:

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